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The Liberated Africans can not go to Boston - at present - after all! After making all needful preparations for them to leave this city - for Phila^a - this morning - and to be in Boston early next week a special messenger arrived from Hartford last evening - Mr Williams (one of the Com^{rs} at Farmington) to say that the Africans were expected at Hartford today - a meeting had been advertised there a long time - the Legislature were in session - the Anti Slavery Society holding a meeting - the Ladies a Fair &c &c &c. And in addition that the 20 Africans left at Farmington were greatly excited because Cinque & the others were so long about, and could not be pacified. After a strong effort to persuade Mr W. that we must go to Phila^a & Boston we had to give up the argument & consent that Cinque & the rest should accompany him today to Hartford. It is a grievous disappointment, but a the whole seemed the proper course. I dispatched a messenger to Phila^a this morning to make the needful explanations.

Our plan is to have them return here on Saturday - go to Phila^a on Monday - hold 2 or 3 meetings there then go back to Farmington. The meetings at Boston must, for aught I see, be deferred till some future time.

We should not have written to you & to the friends at Phila^a unless we had understood Mr

W. Lloyd Garrison was not in the city & he says.

They have made a great mistake in going to Hartford & leaving the Africans here.

